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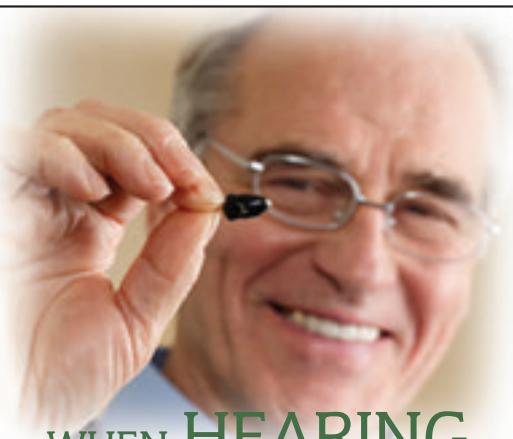
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SIBFORD School has been awarded £1,500 worth of British Council funding to continue its ten-year reciprocal study with two schools in Uganda. The day and boarding school joined forces with Mbarara Preparatory School to organise visits in 2005. Since, the partnership has expanded to include Mbarara Municipal School. Head teacher at Sibford School, Michael Goodwin, said: "It is wonderful that, thanks to this grant, we will be able to continue the links with our Uganda friends." Plans are currently being made for two Sibford School staff members to visit Uganda in summer.

Amanda Levett during a visit to Uganda in 2013.



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APPROVAL for 350 homes in Banbury could mark the end of major developments in the town, it is hoped.

Outline planning permission for homes to be built on the land south of Salt Way and west of Bloxham Road was granted at a Cherwell District Council planning committee meeting on Thursday.

District councillors made the decision on the back of the Government's five-year land supply policy, which claims 1,140 homes a year need to be built across the district. Town leaders now hope that the development will be the last major build in the town for a while.

Objections to the plans, submitted by joint applicants Mr M Horgan and Barwood Strategic Land LLP, had been made by Banbury Town Council, Bloxham Parish Council and four public letters.

Banbury town councillor Tony Ilott said: "We are slightly disappointed that our wishes have not been upheld but I think that this will hopefully see the end of major developments in the town. "We have now got a local plan which hopefully will be adopted in a couple of months.

"I think we felt we have had enough development going on. Hopefully that is

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the end of it and we can get back with a solid local plan so everyone knows what can and can't be built."

Plans had originally proposed 400 homes for the project, later reduced to 350, and also include associated infrastructure and public open space within the 18.3-hectare site.

Out of the 350 homes, 105 will be affordable rent or shared ownership, and the site will be made up of maisonettes, house and bungalows.

A new roundabout will be created on Bloxham Road which will offer two entry routes to the site, as well as another site on the eastern side of the development that includes 145 homes.

Cherwell District Council's lead member for planning Michael Gibbard said: "Cherwell has been influenced by a number of factors stemming from Government. This includes the Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

"This led to modifications to our Submission Local Plan following the advice of the planning inspector and it was for those reasons that land to the west of Bloxham Road was included within the document. When consider-

ing applications we are led by what the Government's National Planning Policy Framework considers to be a sustainable site and the five-year land supply requirements. If we ignore that advice and refuse, we can expect to have that decision overturned on appeal which is what we have experienced with similar applications in that area.

"In 2013 Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, upheld an appeal for 145 homes to be built on the eastern side of Bloxham Road and this decision has effectively paved the way for other developments to the south of Salt Way."

Developers will have to contribute money to improve local transport, infrastructure, schools and public services.



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**APPEAL FOR PUPPY SOCIALISERS**

**BANBURY:** A charity is appealing for volunteer puppy socialisers to help look after dogs during the first year of their life. Dogs for the Disabled is in urgent need of volunteers in Banbury to take on a pup. For requirements or to apply visit dogsforthedisabled.org/volunteer/puppy-socialiser.

**WINTER APPEAL RAISES OVER £8K**

**OXON:** An appeal aiming to raise £20,000 to help Oxfordshire's vulnerable residents over winter has raised more than £8,300. Oxfordshire Community Foundation launched its Surviving Winter appeal in December. To donate visit justgiving.com/SurvivingWinter2014-15.



Accused: Said Saleh



Ahmed Hassan-Sule

## Friend warned gang member about girl who was aged only 14, jury told

A FORMER friend of a man accused of child sexual exploitation told a jury she warned him one of his alleged victims was only 14 and he should "leave her alone."

Seven Banbury men are on trial at Oxford Crown Court accused of sexual offences against underage girls in Banbury between 2011 and 2013.

It is alleged eight girls were groomed and abused by a group known as "BB or B2" that organised parties for under-18s to target their victims.

Prosecution barrister Stuart Trimmer QC said the parties were also known as "Fiddy events" and the defendant who ran them, Ahmed Hassan-Sule, was known locally as "Fiddy".

The defendants are Hassan-Sule, 21, of Glyndebourne Gardens; Said Saleh, 20, of Orchard Way; Mohamed Saleh, 21, of Orchard Way; Takudzwa Hova, 21, of Broughton Road; Kagiso Manase, 26, of

Warwick Road; Alexandru Nae, 19, of Broome Way; and a 17-year-old who cannot be named for legal reasons.

They deny a total of 26 charges, including 19 counts of sexual activity with a child, two counts of causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, three counts of rape and two of sexual assault.

Mr Trimmer asked a female witness at Oxford Crown Court on Friday: "What did you tell [Hassan-Sule]?"

She replied: "I said he shouldn't be messaging her and he should leave her alone, because she was only 14."

It is alleged Hassan-Sule and other group members engaged in sexual activity with the girl when she was underage.

She denied claims from Michael Magarian QC, barrister for Hassan-Sule, that she said that because she was under pressure from the police.

The trial continues.



Takudzwa Hova



Alexandra Nae

## Planning nod for two new houses

A SMALL development in Milcombe has been approved by Cherwell District Council.

Two new houses will be built in the village after councillors agreed they would not have a significant impact on the community.

The district council's planning committee met on Thursday and approved outline permission for the two homes to be built on land adjoining and south of Birchell House off the Hook Norton Road.

Outline planning permission sets out the general principles of a development. The site is on the western edge of

Milcombe and is made up of a triangular-shaped field bounded by mature hedges.

District council lead member for planning Michael Gibbard said: "Cherwell's submitted local plan classes Milcombe as a category 'A' village, where minor development, infilling and conversions are allowed.

"This application to deliver two new homes would not have a significant or demonstrable adverse effect and received no objections from Milcombe Parish Council. As such, members agreed to grant outline permission."



Health campaigner Anita Higham, who has described the proposed facility as a 'halfway house' between immediate support and the necessity of a trip to A&E

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## Assessment unit plan 'welcomed'

Proposal would help take the pressure off Horton General Hospital A&E

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PLANS to set up an assessment unit at Banbury's Horton General Hospital to take pressure off struggling A&E have been welcomed.

County health managers are bidding to set up an "emergency-multi-disciplinary unit" (EMU) at the hospital and the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

It is hoped the units will help embattled A&E workers after the county's hospital authority recently recorded its worst ever quarterly results.

Conservative Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry said: "This is an extremely valuable initiative."

"The EMUs in Abingdon and Witney have worked extremely

well and in part they are seeking to ensure that those who need medical treatment but who do not need to go to A&E can be properly assessed and given appropriate treatment."

Former Banbury School headteacher and health campaigner Anita Higham said: "It will be wonderful because you have a halfway house between having immediate support rather than having to go to A&E."

Although a district hospital with a range of services, she said the Horton "has its own job to do" such as with pre-booked consultations and operations.

The move is one of 12 projects that Oxfordshire County Council and NHS managers hope to spend cash on as part of money given under the Government's "Better Care Fund".

The EMUs would include beds that are used for up to 72 hours, links with community services such as social care and nursing and follow-up appointments.

Managers have also pledged to

link the EMUs together and use technology such as testing devices in people's homes more to keep them out of hospital.

A plan sent to NHS England on how cash will be spent said: "The two existing EMUs in Oxfordshire have a proven track record of providing an alternative to A&E."

It said the service is "viewed as an essential service by GPs" and £1m-a-year running costs will get cash from a fall in A&E visits and emergency admissions.

The success of the project will be measured against turnaround times in A&E, for which the trust scored its worst quarterly figures since it was formed in 2011.

From October to December, 86.1 per cent of patients were discharged, admitted or transferred within four hours of arrival. The target is 95 per cent.

Managers said meeting targets attached to the Better Care Fund was not possible but they should still apply for cash.



Suzi Wild, from Banbury Museum, with the race suit and helmet worn by Lewis Hamilton.

## Museum exhibits an F1 champion

Clothes worn by Lewis Hamilton during last year's F1 championship are put out on display

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A MUSEUM in Banbury unveiled a new collection of Lewis Hamilton memorabilia in celebration of his Mercedes team success.

Items on display include the race suit and boots he wore at the 2014 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, where he was crowned as the 2014 Formula One World Champion.

On Saturday, January 23, the Banbury Museum in Castle Quay opened the collection to the public.

The collection honours the achievements of the driver's Formula 1 team, Brackley-based Mercedes AMG Petronas.

Educations manager at the museum Suzi Wild said: "We are thrilled to showcase a few of Lewis Hamilton's items here at Banbury Museum.

"To be a part of the celebrations and the success of a locally-based team is fantastic.

"Millions of people watched Lewis Hamilton win the championship in Abu Dhabi and to be able to bring items worn there to the community of Banbury is incredibly inspiring.

"We encourage everyone to make the most of the collection whilst it is with us and visit within the next four weeks."

The collection also includes his yellow helmet worn in the 2013 season and his fire-proof Nomex clothing.

The Banbury Museum is open Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm. It will display the collection for four weeks until Saturday, February 21.



The boots worn by Lewis Hamilton at the 2014 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.



The helmet worn by the 2014 World Champion.



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## Post office plans

**BLOXHAM:** A post office will extend its opening hours as part of a refurbishment next month. The post office in High Street will be modernised to include an open-plan design with a combination counter moving the post office terminal next to the retail till. It will then reopen with services available seven days a week. The Bloxham branch will be closed from 5.30pm on Wednesday, February 11 before reopening on Tuesday, February 24.

## Council meetings

**ADDERBURY:** The next meeting of Adderbury Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, February 17, at 7.30pm at the Church House, High Street. Residents can also meet councillors at a drop-in surgery on Saturday, February 7, from 11am to noon at the venue.

## Archaeology club

**N OXON:** A new archaeology group for the north of the county has been formed. Cherwell Archaeology held its first meeting at The Highwayman, Banbury Road, Kidlington, on Saturday. Further meetings are planned for Woodstock Museum and the group is also planning walks and test pit digging in the spring. For information email cherwellarchaeox@gmail.com.

## Cash for pitches

**N OXON:** Sports teams across the county have been given the chance to bid for funding for their pitches. Applications for Sport England's protection of playing fields fund is open until Monday, February 9. There is £4m of National Lottery funding available to improve the condition of pitches or support clubs who want to buy or create a pitch. For more information visit oxfordshirefa.com.

## Over £8k raised

**OXON:** A winter appeal aiming to raise £20,000 to help Oxfordshire's vulnerable residents has raised more than £8,300. Oxfordshire Community Foundation launched its fifth Surviving Winter appeal in December to support residents struggling through the winter.

Among the beneficiaries were charity Age UK Oxfordshire and the Leys Community Development Initiative's Clockhouse Project.

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## Concerned residents fear shop will cause 'noise nuisance'

RESIDENTS have urged councillors to turn down a bid to open a Costcutter in Warwick Road, Banbury.

Two wrote to Cherwell District Council to call on members to refuse the plan, for a former Threshers shop, and one suggested a reduction in opening hours.

The application is to sell alcohol from 7am to 10.30pm Sunday to

Thursday and 7am to 11pm Friday and Saturday.

One resident told the council: "This is a residential area and the early and late opening times will impact on the local residents causing a noise nuisance."

They pointed to current traders Roasty's take away and A&C Fish Bar, both of which open late.

The letter said: "Sunday evening,

therefore, is the only quiet period within the week that allows the residents a respite from noise caused by cars pulling up, doors slamming and radios at high volume and loud voices."

The resident said opening hours should be 10am to 10pm Monday to Saturday, and 10am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday.

Another wrote: "I am concerned

that the residents will suffer from noise nuisance from premises."

A further objection said they feared "an increase in alcohol crime, disorder and public nuisance".

They said: "The hours are wholly disproportionate and, as a senior member of the community, I take the view that the application ought to be refused."

# Group that helps families integrate is up for award

Service has been shortlisted to get a lifetime achievement prize for its dedicated work

A PROJECT that has supported disadvantaged ethnic minority families for the past 20 years has been recognised for its work.

The Sunrise Multicultural Project, in Orchard Way, has been nominated for the Clark Howes Lifetime Achievement Award in this year's Oxfordshire Charity and Volunteer Awards.

It is one of three organisations from across the county that has been shortlisted for its longstanding contribution to the community.

Project manager Assia Bibi said: "It's just fantastic that we have been recognised for all the hard work the charity is doing in the community.

"We provide these services because the families have got nowhere else to go."

The project has been supporting young people and their families, mainly from Banbury, since 1995.

A team of 14 staff, as well as eight volunteers, work to integrate families into the community and address cultural issues affecting residents. Mrs Bibi said it cost almost £200,000 to support 850 people each year.

Staff and volunteers offer women's drop-in sessions, Saturday clubs for young people, youth groups and language classes.

Workshops and projects often focus on bullying, racism, relationships, employment and family life.

Mrs Bibi said it was important to provide advice and guidance to families who have come from overseas or do not speak English as their first language.

She added: "It's about empowering women and young people in the community and raising aspirations."



The team and service users at the Sunrise Multicultural Centre in Banbury who have been nominated for an award

And she said without the service, families could feel alienated and struggle to build relationships with those around them.

She added: "The young people would be sat in front of the TV at home getting bored.

"For the ladies, it's somewhere they relax, they have fun, they build confidence. You can see the difference it makes coming here."

The 42-year-old mother said she

was inspired to join the charity eight years ago after the support she was provided as a young girl.

She said: "I used to use the services of this charity. Being a young woman and growing up in this community, I understand what it's like.

"It opened up my horizons as a young person. I want to better these people. It's really close to my heart."

Voluntary sector organisation Oxfordshire Community and Volun-

tary Action launched its awards five years ago to honour good causes.

More than 100 nominations were received for community groups and charities in nine categories.

The Ark T Music Project in Cowley and the Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre have also been shortlisted for the award.

Winners will be revealed at a ceremony at Oxford Town Hall, in St Aldates, on February 4.

## Retiring MP pledges to pay for coat of arms for district

OUTGOING Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry has proposed a coat of arms for Cherwell district and pledged to cover any costs.

The Conservative said the district did not apply for a coat of arms after being formed in the 1974 reorganisation of councils as "identity wasn't always easy".

He said: "I am proposing to petition Garter King of Arms to grant a Coat of Arms to Cherwell and I will personally pay for this so no cost whatsoever will fall to the council taxpayer."

"I would hope that the Grant of Arms would be emblematic

of the fact that the Cherwell district does now have a coherent identity and a unified sense of purpose.

"I hope that the design put forward by myself and the heralds at the College of Arms will command public support."

Sir Tony, an MP since 1983, was speaking at a civic dinner given in his honour by Cherwell District Council at Banbury's Whately Hall Hotel.

He said: "It has been a great pleasure to have been able to work constructively and with mutual respect with Cherwell councillors, officers and Cherwell council staff."



The proposed coat of arms

# Falklands War hero dies

Ex-serviceman's funeral was attended by comrades, his children and his family

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A FALKLANDS War hero believed to be the final British soldier injured in the conflict was laid to rest in Banbury.

Father-of-three Ian Morton, who died on New Year's Eve, was described as an "unsung hero". The 52-year-old was found dead in his home in Upper Heyford on January 1.

For the last six months he worked for security firm Wilson James at the Mini plant in Cowley.

During 13 years in the Scots Guards, Mr Morton served in Northern Ireland and the Falkland Islands.

On the morning of June 14, 1982, he was hit by a grenade and shrapnel in ferocious fighting during the Battle of Mount Tumbledown.

His ex-wife Karen, daughter Candice, 30, and sons Robert, 26, and Ross, 21, travelled from Scotland to be at his funeral.

Mr Morton was born and raised in Newarthill, near Motherwell in Scotland.

His current wife Rebecca and step-daughter Sasha were also in attendance.

Candice said: "I will remember his sense of humour and his stories, they were just great. The last



The coffin containing Ian Morton.



Ian Morton.

time I saw him was last year just a few weeks after the birth of my son Daniel.

"He was supposed to come up and stay at new year and he did not arrive and I called the police.

"He had been packing his bags to come when he had a heart attack and he just never made it."

Mr Morton had lived in Oxford-

shire since 2005. He was medically discharged from the Army with the rank of Sergeant in 1993 as a result of injuries sustained at Mount Tumbledown.

Mr Morton trained Scots Guards recruits.

His funeral cortege was led by motorbike riders from the All Arms Veterans Motorcycle Club and his

coffin was draped in a Union flag. His platoon commander during the Falklands War – Captain Robert Lawrence – delivered a eulogy.

Capt Lawrence was shot in the head during the Battle of Mount Tumbledown.

He said: "I will remember him as a human being, not as a soldier, a man who I loved."

## Best brewing pub award finals

**NORTH OXON:** Hook Norton Brewery has reached the finals of the *Morning Advertiser* Publican Awards in the Best Brewing Pub Company category.

The awards, run with Sky, recognise the achievements of top pub companies across 18 categories.

Winners will be announced at London's Grosvenor House hotel on March 16.

## Tools are stolen

**BANBURY:** Thieves targeted allotments in Tithe Close, Banbury, between midnight and 3am on Tuesday, police said.

A shed was broken into and thieves stole tools including a mower and rotavator.

## Events now open

**BANBURY:** Lake House Care Home in Adderbury has opened its weekly programme of activities to the public.

Residents who do not live at the care home will now be able to play instruments or sing on Music Mondays, look at interesting aspects of history on Time Travel Tuesdays or join residents for a cup of tea and a chat on Welcome Wednesdays.

All events run from 9am to 2.30pm.

Lake House is a care home for 43 people on The Green, Adderbury, which provides for people diagnosed with dementia or with a physical disability.



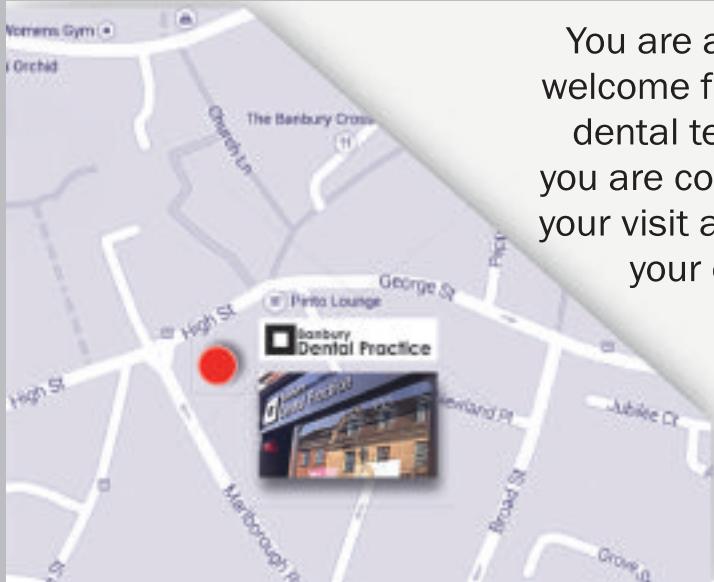
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Former Spiceball Park Sports Centre site in Banbury

# Car park will stay open in new deal

Spaces will still be available for residents and visitors as land is used ahead of big development

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a wider area which has received a resolution to grant outline permission for a major redevelopment incorporating a retail foodstore, cinema, hotel, restaurants and cafes.

PERMISSION has been given to continue the use of a former leisure centre site as a car park.

Cherwell District Council's planning committee has given the go-ahead for the former Spiceball Parks Sports Centre site to continue as a public car park.

Since the former sports centre was demolished in 2010, the council-owned land has been used as a public car park which councillors were given permission for up to five years. The decision made last Thursday will simply extend the permission for the existing 92-space site.

Cherwell's lead member for estates and economy Norman Bolster said: "There are plans to develop the area so now we can continue to use the site for parking until then. This site forms part of

"As part of a condition of that planning permission it was agreed that all subsequent planning applications which will enable work to formally commence on site must be approved within three years.

"However as it is unclear exactly when the start date will be within that time-frame it makes sense to continue offering that vacant land as a car park."

The regeneration plans for Banbury include extending Castle Quay shopping centre with a hotel, cinema, shops, bars and restaurants and was passed by Cherwell District Council's planning committee in February 2014 with further permissions were to be sought on detailed designs.

## Charity coffee morning

A CHARITY are looking for fundraisers to take part in this year's Care for a Cuppa event. Katharine House Hospice in Adderbury is looking for supporters to

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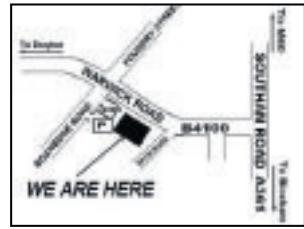
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# Charity volunteer speaks

Woman joins Alzheimer's charity after both parents suffered from the disease

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AFTER both of Marianne Talbot's parents were affected by dementia, she volunteered for charity Alzheimer's Research UK.

The charity is looking for people across the county, which has nearly 8,000 people with Alzheimer's, to join the Headington resident.

Ms Talbot's father, Philip, had a stroke aged 80 while walking to the shops and was diagnosed with vascular dementia.

Her mother Lesley was diagnosed with Alzheimer's just before her father's death in 1999.

Ms Talbot, 58, said: "Following my father's death with vascular dementia, my mum had a 10-year struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

"She lived with me for five years and without any training or preparation, I found myself caring for her as her mind fragmented."

After seeing her parents' struggle, she decided to volunteer.

She said: "I have shared my story with the media to help raise awareness of dementia.

"I've also spoken at fundraising events in the local community as well as one of the charity's campaign events in Westminster."

Ms Talbot said: "Volunteering



Philip and Lesley Talbot on their wedding day.



Marianne Talbot.

for Alzheimer's Research UK has presented so many interesting opportunities.

"It's given me the chance to meet people who really understand the impact dementia has on families.

"By volunteering for Alzheimer's Research UK, I know I'm doing something positive to help defeat dementia."

The charity's head of corporate and community partnerships Miranda Johnson said: "Every one of our volunteers has a personal reason for why they choose to support Alzheimer's Research UK.

"What they all have in common is the drive and determination to do their bit to defeat dementia.

"We can achieve amazing things

together. Alzheimer's Research UK has bold plans to drive research towards better diagnosis, preventions and treatments to give hope to thousands of families shattered by this condition.

"Our volunteers support our work in a wide range of ways and we wouldn't be the charity we are today without this vital force."

## Cause fundraiser

A COFFEE morning is being held at the Ye Olde Reine Deer Inn to raise funds for charity.

The event will be raising money as part of the British Heart Foundation's Wear it Beat it campaign.

Admission is £1 and event-goers must wear an item of red.

There will be a tombola raffle of over 10 prizes that have been donated by local businesses and raffle tickets will cost £1 per strip.

The event will run from 11am to 1pm on Tuesday, February 6, at the Parsons Street pub.

## Two break-ins

ONE road in Banbury saw two break-ins in one night, police said.

A shed and a van were broken into in Cromwell Road between 8pm on Monday, January 19, and 9am on Tuesday, January 20.

A pedal bike was stolen from the shed.

Police did not say if the two crimes were connected.

## Charity concert

A CHARITY will host the award-winning Black Dyke Brass Band at a fundraising concert in March.

The 2014 British Brass Band championship winners, from Yorkshire, will perform at the Katharine House Hospice concert at St Mary's Church in Horsefair.

The concert will start at 7.30pm on Saturday, March 28, and tickets are £20, call 01295 812161.



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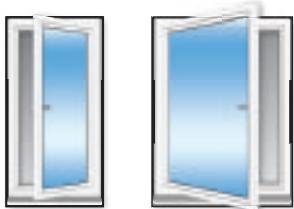
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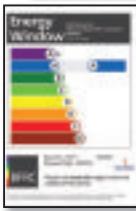
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# Disability charity makes film on changing views

Members say attitudes have changed but want to be part of the community

OXFORDSHIRE residents with disabilities made a film to show changes in attitudes and the challenges ahead.

The filmmakers hope to show how attitudes have improved in their lifetime and the battles still to be fought.

They are planning to show their film *Speaking Up, Speaking Out and Speaking Easy* to school children and the general public.

They are all members of Oxford advocacy charity My Life My Choice, and will premiere the film at a private screening tomorrow.

The 40-minute film, made with £9,500 from the Heritage Lottery, shows charity members talking about their lives from school onwards.

Andy Law, 52, of Abingdon said: "When I was young, we were told what to do and nobody was interested in our opinion. Things are better now but there is lots of work we still need to do."

"We are going to use this film to help make school children and the general public more aware of what it is like to have a learning disability and to remind them that we are



Andy Law, Joan Mansfield, Robert Pratley, Shane Butler and Tyrone Allen.

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part of the great Oxfordshire community like everyone else."

Some recall being sent to "adult training centres" when they reached 18, where they were made to carry out menial work such as sorting screws.

Trustee Paul Scarrott said: "We want to show people what we can

do. We don't just sit on our bums, we want to work, we have opinions worth hearing, and we run our own projects and charity."

Charity co-ordinator Bryan Michell said the film was about getting disabled people's voices into the mainstream.

Mr Michell, 48, said: "Fifty or sixty years ago, no one gave a damn what they thought or their opinion on any issue."

"There has been a major change, in that professionals for certain understand, respect and appreciate the opinions of people with learning disabilities."

He said one example of the change in attitudes was the fact a charity like My Life My Choice could exist.

But he said the number of registered disabled people in work – just six per cent – was still too low.

## Electorate 'will trust Cameron'

TRUST will be a key issue at the General Election, outgoing Conservative Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry told party activists.

Sir Tony – set to stand down after 32 years at the May poll – said a key issue will be who people trust to be Prime Minister.

He told South Northamptonshire Conservative Association members that David Cameron's pledged EU referendum, the UK's relationship with Russia and the economy will be important.

He said: "This is not just about trust and the economy – extremely important though that is, and of which I will say a little more in a moment – it is also about trust and whom you trust to best protect Britain's interests in the wider world."

He said "nowhere has any serious academic pollster or punter suggested that there is any likelihood of Nigel Farage, Nick Clegg, Alex Salmond or anyone else leading a minority government."

The choice will be between Labour's Ed Miliband and Witney's Mr Cameron, he said.

Sir Tony said: "Rather than telling us their true plans, Labour seek to frighten electors with overblown, ludicrous hyperbole and suggestions that in some way Conservative spending cuts would take Britain back to the 1930s."

On the question of trust he said: "I know how I believe the majority of the people will answer that question. They will trust David Cameron."

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## Council is up for accolades for excellence

CHERWELL District Council has beaten more than 200 organisations to be shortlisted in two categories in awards.

The *Local Government Chronicle*, a magazine for local government officers, has shortlisted the council for "Most Improved Council" and also in the Innovation category.

Cherwell District Council's lead member for performance Kieron Mallon said: "To be shortlisted for one award is a substantial achievement. To be chosen for two shows that Cherwell is at the forefront of innovation."

The district council was shortlisted for the Innovation category as a result of its Build! scheme, which creates affordable self-build housing on derelict sites once used for commercial or industrial purposes.

During 2015, the council expects to create 250 new self-build homes across the district. The project has already seen the shells of houses completed in Newton Close in Bicester.

The shortlisting for "Most Improved Council" is shared with South Northamptonshire Council, after a partnership begun in 2010.

The councils merged management teams in a bid to save more than a £1m a year, sharing 15 key staff instead of employing a total of 31 people.

Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on Wednesday, March 11, in London.



Saul Chand visits the Clarkson Evans electrical contractors stand.

Picture: OX72297 Jon Lewis

## Careers event ignites teens' imagination

SAUL Chand was one of hundreds of Oxfordshire students finding out more about jobs and training yesterday.

The 15-year-old St Gregory's pupil learned about light circuits with electrical contractor Clarkson

Evans, which has openings for up to 10 trainee electricians.

Clarkson Evans was one of more than 40 employers, including British Gas, BP, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Thames Valley Police and Oxford

University, at the Mini Plant in Cowley for the second of a two-day CareersFest.

Clarkson Evans' sales and marketing director Elaine Hodgkin said: "Oxfordshire is a booming area for construction."

# Extra funds axed for school pupils

Change in criteria for free school meals may mean loss of pupil premium

SCHOOLS in Oxfordshire are set to lose out on almost £450,000 in extra funding.

Headteachers warned they are missing out on the Government's pupil premium as fewer children have been registered as eligible.

In order for the school to claim the £1,320 fund per pupil, parents on lower incomes need to tell the school their child meets the criteria for free school meals (FSM).

With the introduction of universal free school meals in September last year, Cutteslowe Primary School headteacher Jon Gray said the policy had put parents off.

He said: "I think the drop in pupils registered is definitely a result of the new policy."

"For our school, it is well over £100,000 that we get in pupil premium funding."

"If there is any impact in that funding, it will mean we cannot give help to the pupils who need it most."

Wood Farm Primary School headteacher David Lewin said pupil premium money was vital to ensure disadvantaged chil-

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dren got the best possible education.

He said: "Pupil premium funding is used to employ additional teachers to teach small groups and keep class sizes down."

"The free school meals policy has had an impact on pupil premium money simply because it is confusing for parents."

"They will not sign up for a benefit in school which they will get anyway."

Since September 2014 all primary school pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Two have received FSM.

Children in those years get a free hot meal at lunchtime whether their parents register them as eligible or not.

The school can only claim the pupil premium for those registered.

New figures released by Oxfordshire County Council showed the number of pupils signed up by their parents had dropped by an average of 5.9 per cent in the past year - worth a total of £448,800 to the schools.

There has been a decrease in the number of pupils signed up for school meals in all years apart from Year Five, where the numbers remained stable.



Councillor Melinda Tilley

This is despite the fact pupils from Year Three to Year Eleven still need to sign up if they want free school meals.

Council bosses said they "did not understand" the decrease.

At the county council's education scrutiny committee meeting on Thursday, assistant to the director for children's services John Mitchell said: "There is a slight fall off conformity in the number of people entitled to free school meals but that is not confined to infants."

"So there is obviously something going on that we do not understand."

County council cabinet member for education Melinda Tilley said: "The policy makes me really angry because it hits the most vulnerable people in society."

## Popular characters

**BANBURY:** A host of children's characters will be out and about in Banbury on Saturday to raise money for Finnley's Day.

Minnie and Micky Mouse, the Gruffalo, Chewbacca and Darth Vader will be at the Town Hall from 9am to 5pm to collect donations for SSNAP, which supports the special baby care unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Now in its fifth year, Finnley's Day was started by Banbury couple Luke and Gemma Froude.

This was after their son, Finnley, passed away at the John Radcliffe in 2010 having been born 12 weeks premature.

## Hospice fundraiser

**OXON:** A hospice caring for people with life-threatening illnesses is calling on residents to join them for a cup of tea.

Katharine House Hospice, in Adderbury, is launching its Care for a Cuppa campaign this March.

Supporters are encouraged to bake sweet treats and organise a tea party between Sunday, March 1 and Sunday, March 8.

The first Care for a Cuppa campaign raised £10,000 after more than 50 events were held across the county last March.

For more information call the fundraising team on 01295 812161.

## Cafe raided in daylight

**BANBURY:** A man walked into a cafe, leant over the counter and stole a cash tin in broad daylight, police said.

Thames Valley Police said the burglary happened at Tasty Bites cafe, at Banbury Bus Station, Castle Street, at about 10am last Tuesday.

The thief was described as white, about 5ft 9ins, and slim. He was wearing a dark beanie hat and a cream-coloured, hip-length jacket.

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**HOPE TO FEAR FROM YOU** Kind, caring, easy-going, 48 year old Bedford female, 5'2", dark hair, medium build, like cinema, eating out, historical places. Would like to meet a male in his mid 40s to mid 50s. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 185599 or send a text to 80360

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**HOPE THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE** Caring, honest and loving, 53 year old Milton Keynes female, would like to meet a male for friendship, going out for meals and possibly more, who knows? Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 180004 or send a text to 80360

**ON THE BRIGHT SIDE** Friendly and fun Oxfordshire woman, 53, 5'7", enjoys the outdoors, looking for a male, more looking for love again and someone to share with. Could the right man be out there for me? Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 798804

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**QUIITE THE ROMANTIC** Happy, loving, fun and sincere Aylesbury female, 57, non smoker, widow, enjoys holidays, days out, socialising and more, searching for a similar man, to share interests, friendship and happy times. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 177528 or send a text to 80360

**SHALL WE DANCE?** Blonde, blue-eyed Swindon female, 58, friendly nature, well-travelled and loyal, likes to go out and have fun, active, educated man, who appreciates, food, wine and life in general. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 110895

**SINCERE FRIENDSHIP** Friendly and cuddly, 58 year old Buckingham female, widow, enjoys walks, meals out and drinks out. Would like to meet a sincere male for friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 177102 or send a text to 80360

**ARE YOU MY MATCH?** Kind, 59 year old Abingdon female, 5'2", red hair, bubbly, kind, loves gardening, DIY, fun cosy nights in and out, enjoys the outdoors with a good sense of humour for a romantic relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 173744 or send a text to 80360

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**CHERISH ME** Happy, friendly Bedford Christian woman, 67, enjoys walks along the coast, puzzles and 60s music, looking for a non-smoking Christian man, to share friendship and a little romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 153853 or send a text to 80360

**IT'S TIME WE MET** Cuddly, honest, witty Hemel woman, 59, 5'3", N/S, blonde, likes swimming, theatre and weekends away, seeking a humorous, reliable male, with similar interests, to share a happy life. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 178744 or send a text to 80360

**A FRIEND FIRST?** Down-to-earth, bubbly, kind and caring, Oxfordshire female, #Age# 5'8". Would like to meet a kind, caring, romantic male, for a relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 178745 or send a text to 80360

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**LOOKING FOR A SETTLEMENT** Down-to-earth and honest Aylesbury female, 62, 5'6", slim brown hair, enjoys home cooking, country walks and nights out. Seeks a sincere, kind and active man, to share and enjoy socialising with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 178822 or send a text to 80360

**SEEKING LOVE** Smart, youthful lady, #71, sincere, non-smoker, enjoys socialising, theatre, bingo and weekend breaks, searching for a happy and honest male to share friendship, company and happy times. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 180022 or send a text to 80360

**CHEEK TO CHEEK** Hard-working and happy Oxford male, 52, 5'7", own home, likes socialising, cooking, nights in and good company, now searching for a nice, sincere, matured girl, to enjoy good times, laughter. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 151562 or send a text to 80360

**LOVING THE ONE YOU'RE WITH** Friendly, warm-hearted Abingdon male, 52, good sense of humour, wants to meet a male, to settle down with a calm, gentle female, to enjoy evenings out, holidays and general good company. Are you the one for me? Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 115894 or send a text to 80360

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## Blurring the lines between humankind and machines

**EX MACHINA**  
15, 108 mins

IN THE late 1970s and early 1980s, when the original Star Wars trilogy, Alien, Blade Runner and The Terminator peddled artificial intelligence as science fantasy, the reality of conscious machines seemed a distant dystopian nightmare.

Today, with voice-activated personal assistants on our mobile devices, automated restaurants and sophisticated software tracking every keystroke, a world controlled by computers appears within our sweaty grasp.

For his bravura directorial debut, London-born author and screenwriter Alex Garland (The Beach, 28 Days Later) explores mankind's unquenchable desire to give birth to sophisticated automata that learns from its mistakes.

Shot largely within the confines of a state-of-the-art complex, which has enough fibre-optic cabling in the walls "to reach the moon and lasso it", Ex Machina is a thriller that explores the murky moral ramifications of creating a robot that could pass for human.

Nathan (Domhnall Gleeson) is a talented computer programmer at a hi-tech firm run by the enigmatic Caleb (Oscar Isaac).

Out of the blue, Nathan wins a weekend at the CEO's remote island retreat and journeys there in a helicopter.

At the compound entrance, Nathan is issued with a security pass that he must carry at all times.

Inside, he learns that he has been hand-picked by Caleb to take part in a ground-breaking experiment: to interrogate a functioning artificial intelligence prototype called Ava (Alicia Vikander).

"If you created a conscious machine, that's not the history of man, that's the history of gods!" gushes Nathan.

The programmer is dumbstruck by Ava's beauty and her ability to respond intelligently to his questions.

Very quickly, Nathan grows emotionally attached to Ava and he is distressed when she warns him not to trust Caleb.



Domhnall Gleeson as Caleb, in the film, Ex Machina.



Oscar Isaac, as Nathan, left, and Domhnall Gleeson as Caleb in a scene from Ex Machina.

The programmer's emotions are further complicated when he learns that Ava is the latest iteration of the CEO's secret work and will, by necessity, be scrapped to make way for a newer model.

Ex Machina exerts a vice-like grip on our attention, anchored by riveting performances from the central trio.

Gleeson exudes sufficient sweetness and naivete to convince us he would be an unsuspecting pawn in Caleb's diabolical and ultimately deadly game.

In stark contrast, Isaac bristles with machismo and menace as he voyeuristically documents Nathan's burgeoning attraction to Ava.

"Did you design Ava's face based on my pornography profile?" Nathan cheekily asks his mentor.

Vikander sets the screen ablaze with her deliciously ambiguous portrayal.

Flawless visual effects blend seamlessly with her luminous performance to expose Ava's inner workings as she prows her Perspex prison cell.

Like Nathan, we're bewitched as she devours knowledge and begs for help to avoid the scrapheap.

There's no chance of Garland's film suffering a similarly grim fate.

## CakeWhat's on

### MUSIC

**Thursday:**  
Merton College Chapel, Merton Street, Oxford: Daniel Hyde plays the complete organ works by JS Bach. Free. 1.10pm.

**Friday:**  
New Inn, Main Rd, Middleton Cheney: Andy Robbins. Young vocal guitarist. Free. 9pm. 01295 710399.

The White House, Abingdon Road, Oxford: Oxford Folk Club open night. £2. 8.30pm. 01865 768128.

**Saturday:**  
The Blue Boar, Goddards Lane, Chipping Norton: Playing Motown to Modern. Free. 9.30pm.

Cricketers, Temple Rd, Cowley: Resurrection. Rock and pop duo. Free entry. 9pm. 01865 718459.

**Sunday:**  
Pegasus Theatre, Magdalen Road, Oxford: Reins. Stage sensations from around the county. £3 in advance, £4 on the door. 6pm. 01865 812150.

**Monday:**  
The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street, Jericho: Red Dirt Skinners. 8pm. 01865 311775.

**Wednesday:**  
All Saints' Church, Lime Walk, Headington: Recital by international piano duo Kevin and John Robson. Free with retiring collection. 8pm. 07527 045759.

### THEATRE

**Saturday:**  
Blackwell's Bookshop, 48-51 Broad Street, Oxford: Inspired by Blake Festival: Waiting for Robert. 7pm. Luke Welch's play is a powerful exploration of human creativity and a love that abides all things. £5. 01865 333623.

**Wednesday:**  
New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: Top Hat. Runs until February 7. 7.30pm. Offering the glamour of Hollywood's golden age and magic of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. £19.90 – £43.40 (plus £4 transaction fee). 0844 871 3020.

### EVENTS

**Thursday:**

Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: St Michael and All Angel's Church, Marston Road, Oxford. Discussion with Anneliese Dodds MEP. 7.30pm.

**Friday:**

After Hours Guided Tours: Pitt Rivers Museum, Entry via South Door, Robinson Close, South Parks Road, Oxford.

Explore remarkable collections from every continent and throughout human history. 5.30pm. £10 (limited places). 01865 270927.

**Saturday:**

Samantha Shannon in conversation with Andy Serkis: Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford. Joining Samantha to discuss her books will be Andy Serkis, who is best known for his acting roles as Gollum in the *Lord of the Rings*, *King Kong* and Caesar from *Planet of the Apes*. 3pm. £5. 01865 333623.

# CakeSport

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Banbury United's Joel Meade (left) cleared off the line to save his side from falling 2-0 behind

## Banbury fall at the finish

### Loss sends United bottom

BANBURY United fell back to the bottom of the Premier Division after a stoppage-time defeat on Saturday.

With the Evo-Stik Southern League game in injury time and 1-1, Banbury looked good for a point.

But Mark Draycott's last-gasp strike put paid to that. The visitors took the lead on ten minutes. James Rusby's long throw was handled by defender Darius Browne, with Draycott firing the spot-kick past Leigh Bedwell in the Banbury goal.

Joel Meade then cleared

#### Banbury Utd 1 Hungerford Tn 3

James Clark's effort off the line, and shortly after Banbury equalised four minutes before half-time when Browne cut back for Jordan Green to fire in.

After the break, Leam Howards's effort was headed off the line, before Draycott's strike leaves Banbury rooted to the foot of the table.

Banbury Utd: Bedwell, Cray, Martin, Meade, Tappin, Ryan, Green (Eminoglu 86), Martin, Howards (Pope 74), Walcott, Browne (Tahin 83). Subs not used: White, Whitehead

Attendance: 270.

### LATEST TABLE

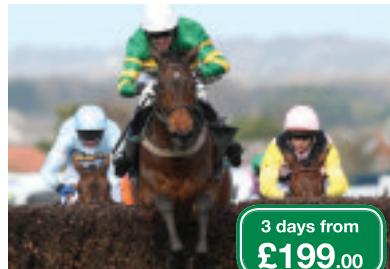
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Hitchin Tn	31	14	6	11	55	46	48		
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### ARIES Mar 21-Apr 19

I know you don't want to spend your money where you can't reap immediate rewards, but this week you may just have to Aries. You'll find out why by Friday, if you let others speak for a change. Venus offers you a new attraction which, although not your usual type, is sure to be intriguing and inspire you. Give me a ring now to hear how lessons from the past have brought you to a better place.

**0906 585 4360**

### LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Family could prove harder to handle than usual but, if you can stay calm and patient until Thursday, then you should be able to find common ground from which to work. Wear what you know look good in for luck this week and make sure you look those new faces you'll be meeting in the eye, especially on Friday. Give me a call to find out what those mixed messages really mean.

**0906 585 4366**

### TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

From Sunday onwards you turn a corner and you finally start to feel more in control of life and the relationships you have within it. Don't tell lies to cover those already told. Close ones know more than they may be letting on. Geminis can improve your career and finances, so seek them out sooner rather than later. Ring now to hear why holidays will be extra special this week.

**0906 585 4361**

### SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Gambles which you take in love throughout this week are set to pay off in your favour, so take full advantage my friend. Someone from your past is on your mind, but the current line up suggests you're remembering them through rose coloured spectacles. From Tuesday, the stars and a new face help you learn to believe in you again. Phone now for a full reading.

**0906 585 4367**

### GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

From you're not the greatest at saving up a clover one, you will be forced to come. Therefore it's imperative that you don't say things you'll regret. It could come back on you if you do. Overtime on Wednesday could change everything. Richness comes from within, not without as events at this time can show.

**0906 585 4362**

### CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Cheeky offers may well be accepted if you show them that smile your sign is so famous for. Don't put up the front which has made for so many setbacks in the last six weeks. Phone calls, emails and tests bring news were about to give up on hearing. Ring now to reveal your destiny.

**0906 585 4368**

### CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

As you enter February you have a feeling of excitement as if something really big is going to happen. Follow your instincts and don't be afraid to add your own ideas and suggestions. Changes you want to make in your life can only be a good thing, whatever others may be saying. Call now to hear why you'll be glad if you keep your home looking presentable this week.

**0906 585 4363**

### LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Don't look back, look forward. There is a life out there waiting for you, don't you know? Your ruling planet the Sun brings out your jealous streak and you need to be careful that you don't end up accusing your close ones of things they haven't done. The danger is, they may just decide to play the role you've cast them in. Phone now so I can help you rise above any challenges.

**0906 585 4364**

### AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Sometimes, your social and helpful nature leads you to give up too much of your own time. Then you neglect your own life. You've already made up your mind about a decision you need to take and the hardest part is saying it out loud. Try on Tuesday or Thursday, when the stars will be handing you the art of charm on a silver platter. Ring now to hear why I'm so proud of you.

**0906 585 4370**

### VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Anger could well turn to passion as you start to work out who you're playing nice. Slow your pace though Virgo and don't be afraid to let others take the lead or some of the responsibilities. Don't make fun of that new acquaintance, they know a powerful face who can help you in your career. Call now for a full update.

**0906 585 4365**

### PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20

News of pregnancies or babies is likely to affect your week in some way. Don't let down friends or family this weekend, but stick to what you've promised or arranged. It's the key to you turning a corner with the person you fell out with over Christmas, don't you think? Call now to hear why the next two months are great for taking tests and exams.

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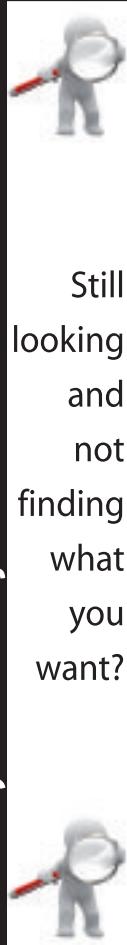
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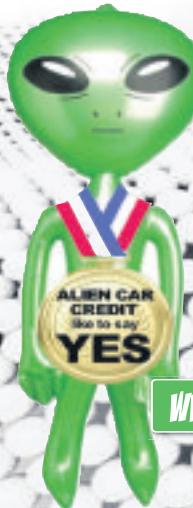
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# CakeMotoring

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## Yeti changes to a 4x4 when needed

By David Duffy  
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WHEN I was in my twenties there was only one car I ever dreamed of owning – a Matra Simca Rancho.

With its raised roof, body-moulded side protectors and bonnet-mounted spotlights, in the late 1970s, when the Range Rover remained a mere dream for most, the Rancho epitomised motoring adventure.

Fast forward into the 21st century and there is a massive choice of vehicles offering the taste of off-road driving, spawned all those years ago by Range Rover.

Skoda was quick to realise the attraction of a macho-looking off-roader when it first launched the Yeti, and the car quickly became a best-seller.

Conscious of the fact that many owners have no need or desire to tackle off-road motorising, the quiet, smooth, sharp-handling Yeti now comes in two distinct models.

For folk who know they will never venture off the beaten track, there is a two-wheel-drive model with all the space and higher ride height of the off-roader, but none of the costlier

electronics and mechanical complications.

To help those who feel slightly daunted by manoeuvring a meaty vehicle into tight parking spots, Skoda offers a park-assist system. Simply touch a button, take your hands off the steering wheel and the car uses its array of sensors to guide the Yeti into a parallel parking, or even a bay parking slot.

The top-of-the-range model tested here came fitted with an electronically-controlled 4x4 system that allows the car to automatically handle most rough ground or off-road situations. Push the off-road button and the car manages a host of functions from maintaining a constant

### AUTO FACTS

Model: Skoda Yeti 2.0 TDI Laurin and Klement

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Top speed: 122mph

Luggage capacity: 14.7 cu ft

Fuel tank: 13.2 gallons/60 litres

CO2 emissions: 164 g/km

Warranty: Three years/ 60,000 miles



UPMARKET TRIM: The classy Laurin and Klement model

speed downhill to holding the car still on a hill-start and helping stop the wheels spinning on loose surfaces.

For me, and for those who have a real need for serious off-road pulling power, probably the S or SE Outdoor would be the vehicle of choice.

But whichever model you choose, perhaps the biggest difference between the Rancho and the modern Skoda, is that the Yeti really delivers both on and off-road, something the front-wheel-drive Rancho, for all its macho looks, could not.

## Heritage motoring news

### Motor centre plans two new events

THE Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon, near Banbury, has new events in its 2015 programme.

As well as the regular shows such as the Classic & Vintage Commercial Show, Banbury Run, Retro Truck Show and BMW Festival, new events include the Gaydon Classic Car Show on May 24 and will feature motorised vehicles of all ages from cars through to military and emergency services vehicles.

The other new event at Gaydon this year is the long-awaited return of the Land Rover Show on Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28, and will cover all aspects of the world of Land Rovers.

The centre has also announced a new lecture and workshop programme including a lecture by the curator on the story of the Gas Turbine Engine and the Rover BRM from the Heritage Motor Centre's collection.

The centre is bringing back by popular demand two Classic Virgin Experience Days on Saturday, April 18, and Saturday, September 19. These hands-on, informative days are aimed at those considering buying a classic car.

Participants learn about choosing a car, finance, insurance, club support and the social scene, plus some "hands on" experience to learn about car maintenance as

well as the chance to ride in a range of classic cars on country roads.

Tom Caren, show manager at the centre, said: "We are urging people to get the dates for the shows in their diaries and their vehicles booked in early to avoid disappointment. We've got some great deals for clubs but also welcome individual entries."

There are more than 30 events to choose from, so to download the HMC 2015 Events Calendar and to find out more information about all the events visit the website at [www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk](http://www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk), or telephone 01926 645033 to request a copy.

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■ MILLIONS of drivers could be missing out on savings of about £860 per year in fuel and tax because myths still exist about running electric and plug-in hybrid cars. The findings are the result of new research by Go Ultra Low, a joint initiative by the Government and the UK automotive industry. According to the research, around 11.5 million motorists could benefit from the lowest cost, tax-free motoring by switching to pure electric vehicles, because in a typical year they don't drive further than 80 miles in a single trip. Millions more could benefit from other ULEVs, which can travel between 150 and 700 miles between charges thanks to range-boosting petrol and diesel assistance.

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